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ADULT SPORTS

### ADULT TENNIS DRILLS

TAUGHT BY A CERTIFIED TENNIS instructor, drills are practice sessions to improve stroke production. Facilities include locker rooms, showers, sauna, whirlpool, steam room, swimming pool, indoor running track and exercise room.

- When: Session I:  
February 17 - March 24.  
Session II:  
March 31 - May 5.
- Times: Thursdays  
*Beginner* 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
*Intermed.* 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Where: 98th Street Northwest Athletic Club.
- Cost: \$55 for six lessons.
- Limit: Eight per class; minimum four.

### DAYTIME VOLLEYBALL

EXERCISE AND ENJOY VOLLEYBALL in the mornings. All games are played at the Bloomington National Guard Training and Community Center. Teams form each time you play.

- When: Tuesdays and Thursdays year-round.
- Where: National Guard Training and Community Center, 3300 W. 98th St.
- Time: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- Cost: \$1.25 each session.

### MEN’S, WOMEN’S AND CO-REC SOFTBALL

- When: One evening per week, starting May 3.
- Where: Valley View and Dred Scott playfields.
- Cost per team: \$535 - Recreation \$735 - Fast pitch and double header.
- Deadline: March 11.

### PLAY BALL!

PARKS AND RECREATION is gearing up for another season of adult softball – a great way to exercise, meet new people, socialize with co-workers or friends and have a little competition. More than 300 teams compete throughout the summer and fall in Bloomington.

Hosted at the Dred Scott and Valley View Playfields, leagues are for adults, ages 18 and older. Divisions include men’s, men’s fast pitch, women’s and co-rec.

Leagues are formed in March and play May through July. Teams are sanctioned in both Minnesota major softball associations, the ASA and USSSA. Play ranges from competitive to recreational levels.

For more information, call Recreation Supervisor Jason Hicks at 952-563-8880 or e-mail [jhicks@ci.bloomington.mn.us](mailto:jhicks@ci.bloomington.mn.us).

## GET ACTIVE

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES HEALTHY KIDS ARE ACTIVE KIDS



### BLOOMINGTON LOVES ITS KIDS CARNIVAL

- When: Saturday, February 19, 12:30 - 3 p.m.
- Where: Northwestern Health Sciences University, 84th and Penn Ave.
- GAMES, EXHIBITS, POLICE AND FIRE DEMONSTRATIONS, FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT are featured at this fun, free event for kids and families. Please bring a food item for the VEAP food shelf.

### SPRING EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN, AGES 8 AND UNDER

- When: Saturday, March 26, 11 a.m.
- Where: Northwestern Health Sciences University, 84th and Penn Ave.
- Time: Activities begin 9:30 a.m., hunt 11 a.m.
- ENJOY SNACKS, GAMES, PHOTOS WITH THE BUNNY, ENTERTAINMENT AND more. This “eggs”traordinary annual event is sponsored by Parks and Recreation, the Bloomington Breakfast Optimist Club and Northwestern Health Sciences University.



### SUMMER SPECTRUM SUPER SIGN-UP SATURDAY!

- When: Saturday, April 16.
- Time: 9 - 11 a.m.
- Where: Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Rd.
- TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ASK questions, organize your child’s summer and register in one place. Summer Spectrum, an eight-week collaborative program between Bloomington Parks and Recreation, Community Education and the Bloomington Art Center, offers summer activities for youth, complete with transportation and child care. Look for more information on all of the Summer Spectrum programs when the brochure is delivered in late March. For more information, call Parks and Recreation or visit [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keyword: Spectrum.

### GALAXY YOUTH CENTER

- Where: Valley View Middle School, 8900 Portland Ave.
- Hours: Monday - Friday 2:20 - 6 p.m.  
Bus home: 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
- Where: Oak Grove Middle School, 1300 W. 106th St.  
Olson Middle School, 4551 W. 102nd St.
- Hours: Monday – Friday 2:20 - 5 p.m.  
Bus home: 4:30 p.m.
- Cost: \$25 per quarter or \$0.50 daily.

THE SKY’S THE LIMIT FOR YOUTH, GRADES 6 THROUGH 8, AT GALAXY YOUTH CENTERS. Located in all three middle schools, the centers provide opportunities to empower youth through recreation, leadership, socialization, learning and service activities.

Sign up for the Youth Power program which empowers youth to make healthy choices for their lives, now and in the future. Topics include the negative impacts of drug and alcohol use, body image, how to respect yourself and others and healthy versus toxic relationships. This program is held on Mondays at Valley View, Tuesdays at Oak Grove and Wednesdays at Olson. For information, call 952-681-5807.



awarded to the companies with the most points per employee. Sponsored by Parks and Recreation, this is a great way to introduce fitness, team spirit and a little fun into your workplace. Call Diane Moe in Parks and Recreation for more information and sign up by April 15.

THIS FRIENDLY COMPETITION CHALLENGES employees to shape up! Bloomington worksite coordinators receive special training and all materials needed to participate in the contest that runs from April 25 to June 5. Every week, employees record points for aerobic, strength-training and flexibility activities. Trophies are



### THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT RICHARDSON NATURE CENTER

Hyland Lake Park Reserve  
8737 East Bush Lake Road  
For information, call 763-559-6700.

#### CANDLELIGHT AND CHOCOLATE

Bring your sweetheart for a woodland stroll on **Saturday, February 12, 6 - 9-30 p.m.** Enjoy a dessert buffet, fire and music. Reservations by February 11. Cost is \$12 patrons; \$15 regular.

#### WALK WHEN THE MOON IS FULL – RACCOON MOON

Explore the trails, trees and skies at night for signs of animal activity on **Wednesday, February 23, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Cost is \$3.

#### GIFTS OF THE MAPLE

Discover the springtime tradition of making maple syrup on **Sundays, March 6 - 20, 3 - 4 p.m.**

#### EGG TRAIL AND RABBIT HABITS

Search for wooden eggs and uncover rabbit habit facts on **Friday, March 25, 10 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.** See live animals that hatch from eggs, match birds with their nests, create crafts and enjoy treats. Reservations required. Cost is \$5, ages 3 and older.



ADAPTIVE RECREATION AND LEARNING Exchange (AR&LE) offers recreational, leisure and community education programs that are specifically designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities in the cities of Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina and Richfield. For information, call Parks and Recreation or visit [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us), keywords: Adaptive Recreation.

#### Inclusion services provided

Under the direction of the Assistant Parks and Recreation Manager, inclusion services allow participants with disabilities to fully participate in Parks and Recreation programs. For more information, call Parks and Recreation or e-mail [parksrec@ci.bloomington.mn.us](mailto:parksrec@ci.bloomington.mn.us).

### BLOOMINGTON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (BAA)

BAA OFFERS BASEBALL AND softball programs for boys and girls, age 5 through 12, including a mini-mite program for kids, age 5. For information on programs, call the BAA Information Line at 952-888-0807 or visit [www.baaonline.org](http://www.baaonline.org).

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